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3416	8-15-48	ALL T SE	1	1	b1
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3418	8-24-48	NY T HQ	1	1	
3419	8-26-48	WFO Ltr HQ	1	1	
3420	8-2-48	CUMMINGS memo to: J. Ford	1/2	1/2	
3421	8-3-48	Baumgardner memo, action	1	1	
3422	8-20-48	Fisher memo L. Ford	1	1	
3422	8-22-48	ALL Ltr HQ	1	1	
3423	7-28-48	Nichols memo, info	2/1	2/1	
3424	8-13-48	Whitson memo, L. Ford	1/1	1/1	
3425	8-23-48	AHC Ltr L. Ford	1	1	
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3426	8-27-48	HO Ltr AL	1	1	
3427	8-26-48	HO Ltr SE	1	1	b1
3428	8-26-48	HO TT SF	1	1	
3429	8-4-48	HO Ltr AL	4	3	b1
3430	8-31-48	WDC Rpt	8	8	b1 b7c b7D
3431	8-6-48	WFO Ltr AL	1	1	b7D
3432	8-13-48	BT Ltr AL / and	1/3	1/3	
3433	8-2-48	WFO Ltr AL	1	1	b7D
3434	8-5-48	SF Ltr AL / and	1/4	1/4	
3435	7-28-48	WFO Ltr AL	1	1	b7D
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3438	8-27-48	LHO Ltr AL	1	1	
3439	-	change to form	1	1	
3440	8-5-48	SE PI AL	1	1	
3441	8-4-48	NY PI AL	1	1	
3442	8-25-48	DE PI AL	2	2	
3443	8-3-48	WFO Ltr AL	1/1	1/1	
3444	7-24-48	WFO Ltr AL	2	2	
3445	8-26-48	NY PI AL	1	1	
3446	8-3-48	LHO memo to AL	1	1	
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SAC SEATTLE

GREGORY, ESPIONAGE DASH R. NEW YORK OFFICE ADVISED THAT BENTLEY YESTERDAY  
STATED IN CONNECTION WITH REFERENCE TO QUOTE TELEPHONE CALL WHICH INDICATED  
SHE NO LONGER WORKED THERE UNQUOTE THAT SHE WAS OF DEFINITE OPINION THAT  
IF WRITER OF THIS LETTER ACTUALLY KNEW HER THEY WERE REFERRING TO THE  
TELEPHONE NUMBER OF WORLD TOURISTS INCORPORATED. WORLD TOURISTS, ONE ONE  
TWO THREE BROADWAY, NYC HAD TELEPHONE NUMBERS CHELSEA TWO DASH TWO EIGHT  
THREE EIGHT AND TWO DASH TWO EIGHT THREE NINE BUT RECENTLY MOVED TO EIGHTEEN  
WEST TWO THREE STREET AND NOW HAVE TELEPHONE NUMBER ORCHARD FOUR DASH FOUR  
SIX SIX NAUGHT. THESE NUMBERS SHOULD BE CONSIDERED BY YOUR OFFICE IN  
CHECKING POSSIBLE TOLL CALLS EMANATING FROM VANCOUVER, BC. REURTEL  
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GREGORY - ESP R. RENTEL AUGUST TWENTYTHREE FORTYEIGHT. ELIZABETH

BENTLEY, WHEN TELEPHONICALLY INTERVIEWED TODAY IN CONNECTION WITH  
ANOTHER MATTER, RELATED THAT IN CONNECTION WITH THE REFERENCE TO THE  
"TELEPHONE CALL WHICH INDICATED SHE NO LONGER WORKED THERE", SHE WAS  
OF THE DEFINITE OPINION THAT IF THE WRITER OF THIS LETTER ACTUALLY  
KNEW HER THEY WERE REFERRING TO THE TELEPHONE NUMBER OF THE WORLD  
TOURIST, INC. IT WILL BE RECALLED THAT IT WAS FIRST BELIEVED THAT  
THE TELEPHONE CALL HAD BEEN PLACED TO THE PACIFIC MOLASSES COMPANY,  
WHICH IS THE LAST EMPLOYMENT OF MISS BENTLEY. WORLD TOURIST, INC.,  
ELEVEN TWENTYTHREE BROADWAY, NYC, HAD TELEPHONE NUMBERS CHELSEA TWO  
DASH TWO EIGHT THREE EIGHT AND TWO EIGHT THREE NINE, BUT RECENTLY  
MOVED TO EIGHTEEN WEST TWENTYTHIRD STREET AND 2ND AVE. NEW YORK CITY  
NUMBER SEVEN DASH FOUR SIX SIX NAUGHT. IT IS SUGGESTED THAT  
THE OFFICE TAKE THESE INTO CONSIDERATION IN CHECKING POSSIBLE  
TOLL CALLS MANATING FROM VANCOUVER.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: August 26, 1948

FROM : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, Washington Field

SUBJECT: ① GREGORY  
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① (P. BERNARD NORTMAN)

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The Post Office at Falls Church, Virginia,  
advised on August 26, 1948, that P. BERNARD NORTMAN advised  
the Post Office on May 15, 1948, that he had moved to  
324 Beechwood Place, Leonia, New Jersey.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. D. M. LADD

DATE: August 3, 1948

FROM : Mr. E. H. Winterrowd

SUBJECT: LOUIS F. BUDENZ

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. E. A. Tamm	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Nichols	
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Mr. Tracy	
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Mr. Nease	
Miss Holmes	
Miss Gandy	

This is to advise that on the night of August 2, 1948, the writer attempted to contact Mr. Budenz at the home of Monsignor Fulton J. Sheen. It was ascertained from the lady who answered the phone, apparently the Secretary for the Monsignor, that Mr. Budenz had left Washington on the day of August 2nd and that either he was returning directly to New York City or proceeding to Hawaii. In this regard it is to be recalled that Mr. Budenz has been requested to testify in Honolulu by the Attorney General for the Territory of Hawaii concerning Communism.

The writer received a call from Mr. J. P. Coyne on the morning of August 3, 1948, stating that he had been advised by Mrs. Budenz that Mr. Budenz was proceeding to Honolulu on August 3, 1948.

In view of the foregoing information, it is recommended that the attached teletype to the New York Office requesting an interview with Budenz be disregarded and, rather, a letter setting forth the instructions for the interview with Mr. Budenz be forwarded. It is understood that Mr. Budenz is to return within a relatively short period of time and to stay in New York City for the rest of the summer.

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cc - Mr. Fletcher  
Mr. Whitson

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

Transmit the following message to: SAC, New York

GREGORY, ESPIONAGE - RE ARRANGE INTERVIEW TODAY WITH LOUIS BUREZ CONCERNING HIS REPORTED INSTRUCTIONS FROM GOLOS TO COME TO WASHINGTON IN NINETEEN FORTYONE TO MAKE CONTACTS IN CONNECTION WITH THIS OR ANOTHER ESPIONAGE PARALLEL. IN TESTIMONY YESTERDAY BEFORE HOUSE UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE BUREZ CLAIMED WAS SENT TO WASHINGTON BY GOLOS WITH INSTRUCTIONS TO CONTACT ULLMAN. SUTEL.

cc-Washington (By Special Messenger)

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# Budenz Leaving On U.S. Mission

WASHINGTON, Aug. 2 (INS). — Louis Budenz, former Communist editor who testified today on Soviet espionage activities in the U. S., said he was leaving for abroad last night on "a confidential mission" for the government.

Budenz said he will travel without a bodyguard and expressed belief he would be in no danger from Russian secret police.

The former Daily Worker executive who helped expose his former Communist colleagues revenge. They act in the light

"Communists never kill for revenge. They act in the light of whether an action would help or harm the party. A revenge killing would harm it."

He said he could not reveal his overseas destination or his mission for the government.

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. H. B. Fletcher

DATE: August 3, 1948

FROM : F. J. Baumgardner

SUBJECT: GREGORY  
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In connection with the captioned matter, Mr. Belmont of the New York Office advised me at 11:00 AM today that Elizabeth Bentley will appear on the "Meet the Press" program over Radio Station WOR in New York City at 10:00 PM, August 6, 1948.

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. E. A. Tamm	
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The press will be represented on this program by

1. Mary Craig, Correspondent of the Portland, Maine and New England newspapers
2. Nelson Frank, New York World Telegram
3. Lawrence Spivak, American Mercury
4. An unknown newspaper man.

Mr. Belmont stated that this information had been obtained from Nelson Frank of the New York World Telegram. This is a half hour program and Mr. Belmont was of the opinion that it would be broadcast over the Mutual Broadcasting System.

## ACTION:

It is suggested that this memorandum be forwarded to the Espionage Section so that they may have Special Agent F. L. Jones listen in on this broadcast.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. D. M. Ladd *DL*

FROM : H. B. Fletcher *HB*

SUBJECT: FRANK COE  
WILLIAM TAYLOR  
(Subjects in Gregory Case)  
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DATE: August 20, 1948

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At 9:30 a.m. today Andrew Overby, U.S. representative on the Board of the International Monetary Fund, came into the Bureau and explained that Frank Coe and William Taylor, both named by Bentley in her recent testimony before the HUAAC, were members of the International Monetary Fund and actually Frank Coe was the Secretary and ranks about fourth or fifth as a staff official. Coe and Taylor both are former Treasury Department employees. He further stated that Irving Friedman, whose name has come up in connection with the hearings, is also an employee of the International Monetary Fund.

Mr. Overby stated that this is an international organization and Coe, Taylor and Friedman are all employees of the international organization and their duties are to that group rather than to the United States Government as such. He stated that he, Overby, in his capacity is actually a representative of the United States, appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate and that he deals with the National Advisory Council which includes the Secretary of the Treasury, Mr. Snyder, and the Secretary of State, Mr. Marshall.

Mr. Overby stated that he was not certain whether he was entitled to any information, and I told him that the information obtained by the Bureau could only be distributed to the proper Executive branches of the Government and that in the past we had furnished information with reference to this particular matter to the Secretary of Treasury and also to the Secretary of State and he might desire particularly to contact the Secretary of State. He stated that he had conferred with Secretary Snyder prior to coming to the Bureau and he had come to the Bureau at the suggestion of Secretary Snyder. He stated he felt it advisable for him to return to Secretary Snyder's office and advise him of the inability of the Bureau to furnish him any information.

I also suggested to him the name of Mr. Seth Richardson, Chairman of the Loyalty Review Board, and he stated he did not believe Mr. Richardson could be of assistance to him in view of the provisions of the Loyalty program itself.

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THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

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DIRECTOR, FBI

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You will recall that Virginia Frank Coe and William Henry Taylor, former employees of the Treasury Department, are subjects in the Gregory case having been named by Elizabeth Bentley as having been engaged in Soviet espionage activities.

On August 20, 1948, Mr. Andrew Overly, U.S. Representative on the board of the International Monetary Fund, personally appeared at this Bureau and conferred with Inspector Howard E. Fletcher with respect to Coe and Taylor. He stated that Coe and Taylor are members of the International Monetary Fund and that Coe is Secretary of the Fund, ranking fourth or fifth as a staff official. Mr. Overly described the International Monetary Fund as an international organization and that Coe and Taylor performed their duties for the Fund rather than for the United States Government. Overly stated that in his capacity, he is actually a representative of the United States, appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate, and he deals with the National Advisory Council which includes the Secretary of the Treasury and the Secretary of State.

Mr. Overly came to the Bureau seeking information concerning Taylor and Coe; however, he was advised that the information in the possession of this Bureau could only be distributed to the proper executive branches of the Government. He was further advised that this Bureau had furnished information concerning these individuals to the Secretary of the Treasury and the Secretary of State and that he might desire to contact one of them. He stated that he had already conferred with the Secretary of the Treasury prior to calling at this Bureau and had made his call at the suggestion of the Secretary of the Treasury, Snyder. Mr. Overly said that he felt it advisable to return to the Secretary of the Treasury's office and advise him of the inability of this Bureau to furnish him any information. It was further suggested that Mr. Overly might desire to contact Mr. Seth Richardson, Chairman of the Loyalty Review Board, but Mr. Overly stated that he did not believe that Richardson could be of any assistance to him in view of the provisions of the Loyalty Program.

I wanted to bring this to your attention for your information and any action you deem advisable.

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE: July 28, 1948

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT: ELIZABETH BENTLEY

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Jim Walter of the Times Herald was at the Civitan Club luncheon where I spoke yesterday. After the luncheon he told me that some other people know of the name of Elizabeth Bentley that he was upset about the matter as he did not want to get scooped. I again asked him who Elizabeth Bentley was and declined to confirm or deny any information.

Walter then put the question to me that if I were a reporter what would I do if I had the name of the informant in the New York grand jury case. I told him that since he put the question that way if I were a reporter I would not want the responsibility for divulging the name myself, that the grand jury was still in session, that there might be repercussions.

He then told me that the Un-American Activities Committee had subpoenaed Elizabeth Bentley to testify on Saturday in executive session. He again asked what I would do. I told him that I would, first of all, not confirm or deny the existence of Elizabeth Bentley but that certainly I would not take the responsibility of messing with a witness who was called before a Congressional committee in advance of the committee's hearings, particularly as the grand jury's investigation was still pending.

In the middle of the afternoon, Mr. E. A. Tamm called and stated that Walter had just contacted him and told him the full story about Elizabeth Bentley, that she was under subpoena, and he wanted Tamm's advice. Mr. Tamm stated that he would not comment one way or the other, that he thought Walter should get in touch with me. Walter told Mr. Tamm he had been in touch with me, that I advised him not to use the girl's name as she would be dead within 12 hours if her name were given and he would be dead within 12 hours, too. I told Mr. Tamm that I made no such statement.

Along about 7 o'clock last evening, Walter called me at the office and stated that Elizabeth Bentley was under subpoena to appear before Thomas' committee on Saturday and within a short period of time the Thomas committee was going to announce that she had been subpoenaed exclusively to the Associated Press, and that since they were going to make this announcement he did not see wherein he should any longer withhold publication. He then stated that Elizabeth Bentley had lived with a Russian by the name of Golos and presently was living with a doctor in Connecticut, that the Bentley woman had sold her story to the World Telegram and Nelson Frank was collaborating in writing her story in book form.

LBN:hmc  
cc: Mr. Ladd

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Memorandum to Mr. Tolson

About 10 o'clock last night Ed Nellor of the New York Sun called me and stated that he was burned up, that the name of Elizabeth Bentley had been furnished him from New York, that he had furnished this to Walter, that Walter had agreed with him that they should not publish it, that he now understood the story was out as Stripling of the Un-American Activities Committee had called him and was raising hell about the matter. I told Nellor that Walter had called me and said that Stripling was going to give out an announcement to the AP, that we of course were not commenting in any way, shape or form about the matter and would not confirm or deny that we knew this woman. Nellor concluded by stating that he thought Walter had turned everybody around.

This morning Robert Stripling of the Un-American Activities Committee called me and stated he wanted to explain the situation so that we would not have any erroneous ideas. He stated that yesterday afternoon a Mr. Baldinger from Newsweek Magazine called and said he wanted to see him about Elizabeth Bentley. Baldinger then told Stripling the whole story about Elizabeth Bentley, including the fact that she was under subpoena to the committee. Stripling denied giving the information out to anybody about the subpoena excepting Ed Nellor and said that he did not think Nellor would divulge it. Stripling refused to comment to Baldinger and referred him to Thomas. Baldinger stated he did not want to talk to Thomas.

Later they were informed by one of the investigators who attended a luncheon meeting at the Willard where Father Cronin made a speech that Cronin stated Time and Newsweek had the complete story but were waiting for an appropriate time to break the story. Stripling stated that Walter called him late yesterday afternoon and stated that he and Ed Nellor had discussed the matter of Elizabeth Bentley and thought that they should go ahead and use it. Stripling stated he has ascertained that Walter did not discuss anything with Nellor after 2:30 and Walter had turned the committee around. He said it made him extremely angry. He told Walter off and then called Congressman Thomas. Thomas said that it was unfortunate but that if the Times Herald was printing the story that the committee should then confirm the fact and no more that Elizabeth Bentley was under subpoena to appear before the committee on Saturday.

CONCLUSION: It appears that Jim Walter lied to me, <sup>Lied</sup> lied to Stripling and lied to Ed Nellor. While we have not been furnishing him any information, he has been coming to the office on periodic occasions.

I do not care to have any further dealings with him personally. I think that as soon as Frank Waldrop returns this matter should be discussed either with him or with Mason Peters. Likewise, unless advised to the contrary the next time I see Walter I intend to tell him that I do not care to have any more dealings with him because he did not tell the truth about this matter.

- Go. Do nothing. We should have been alive and had this as well as it is now.

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any relation in either. U.

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TO:

Director	Mr. Nease
Mr. Tolson	Mr. Waikart
Mr. Clegg	Mr. Quinn Tamm
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Mr. Tracy	Pers. Records Sec.
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Mr. Leonard	Mrs. Chisholm
Mr. McCoy	Miss Lurz
Mr. McGuire	Miss Pitts
Mr. Mohr	M

See Me  
Send File

For Appropriate Action  
Prepare Reply

wouldn't it be well  
to advise AG &  
say we have furnished  
info unless he  
desires or something  
along those lines

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L. B. Nichols  
Room 5640, Ext 691

August 13, 1948

Mr. Tolson ✓  
Mr. E. A. Tamm ✓  
Mr. Clegg ✓  
Mr. Glavin ✓  
Mr. Ladd ✓  
Mr. Nichols ✓  
Mr. Rosen ✓  
Mr. Tracy ✓  
Mr. Egan ✓  
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Mr. Harbo ✓  
Mr. Mohr ✓  
Mr. Pennington ✓  
Mr. Quinn Tamm ✓  
Mr. Nease ✓  
Miss Gandy ✓

MEMORANDUM FOR Mr. Ladd

RE: GREGORY  
(William Ludwig Ullmann)  
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Pursuant to your instructions there is attached hereto two photostatic copies of a letter dated May 18, 1935, written by Senator Harry S. Truman on the official stationery of the United States Senate addressed to Postmaster General James A. Farley. Truman recommended Ullmann of Springfield, Missouri, who he stated he understood was at that time employed in some department of the federal government. Truman's recommendation described Ullmann as a "young man of fine character in full sympathy with the program of the present administration."

The Bureau files reflect that Ullmann in 1935 was employed by the NRA Consumers Advisory Board.

This letter was located among the personal effects of Ullmann at the Silvermaster home in June, 1946, among numerous other personal papers. Although many of the papers were mentioned in the investigative report from the Washington Field Office, this one was not mentioned because it did not add any significance to the investigation, that is it did not tend to corroborate Bentley's allegations. Another reason it wasn't mentioned was because of the date that the recommendation was made, namely, in May, 1935, and because at that time Truman was a Senator.

ACTION:

None. The foregoing is for your information.

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# United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

May 18, 1935

ROBERTO F. BEE, CLERK  
 JOHN W. B. SMITH, ASST. CLERK

Honorable James A. Farley  
 Postmaster General  
 Post Office Department  
 Washington, D.C.

I am writing this letter in behalf of  
 Mr. William L. Altman, Springfield, Mis-  
 souri, whom I understand is at present  
 employed in the Federal Government.

I want you to know Mr. Altman is a  
 man of fine character, and I have  
 sympathy with the President's  
 administration.

I am sure there is  
 cracy.

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# Office Memorandum

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Mickey Ladd  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
FROM : Alexander M. Campbell, Assistant Attorney General,  
Criminal Division  
SUBJECT: Request of Tom Donegan

DATE: August 23, 1948

Mr. Donegan requested that the following be done:

To have recent Bureau report on Boris ~~Valkov~~ ~~Wolkov~~), sent to me as soon as possible for transmission to Mr. Donegan. *Tel S.F.*

Make another investigation on Joseph ~~B~~ ~~Gregg~~. A previous report was made. *Tel to Beth*

Make another report on Michael ~~Greenberg~~, who is over in England, to determine if he will come to this country to testify. *Cable to Cimperman*

Check again on Hassen Edwin ~~Sise~~, Canada, to determine if he will testify. *Tel to Beth*

Ask the Bureau where P. Bernard ~~Nortman~~ is at the present time and if he is available for testimony before the grand jury in New York. ✓

Check on Donald N. ~~Wheeler~~, who was in Oregon, and determine if he is available for testimony in New York. ✓ *N*

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*Tel S.F.  
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Tel. Cimperman  
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*memo Campbell  
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Assistant Attorney General  
Alexander M. Campbell, Criminal Division

August 26, 1948

DIRECTOR, FBI

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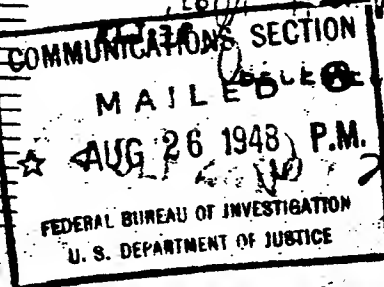
Reference is made to your memorandum dated August 23, 1948, to Assistant Director D. M. Ladd, requesting information on certain individuals who are being considered for appearance before the Federal Grand Jury in New York City.

Donald Miven Wheeler is presently residing at 1707 Madison Avenue, Seattle, Washington.

P. Bernard Hartman is residing at 224 Beechwood Place, Leonia, New Jersey.

Immediate efforts are being made to determine the information you requested concerning Boris Volkov, Joseph B. Greco, Michael Greenberg, and Hazen Siset. Immediately upon the receipt of this information, you will be advised.

Mr. Tolson  
Mr. E. A. Tamm  
Mr. Clegg  
Mr. Glavin  
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TO : MR. H. B. FLETCHER *HRF*FROM : MR. D. M. LADD *DL*SUBJECT: GREGORY CASE *DL*

DATE: August 30, 1948

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Miss Gandy	

Mrs. Kroll of the Attorney General's Office called me on August 26, 1948, and stated that the Attorney General had requested copies of the memoranda reflecting the interviews with Gregory in New Haven on August 23, 1945, and in New York on October 16, 1945.

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The Attorney General

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Pursuant to your request, there are attached hereto photostatic copies of a letter dated August 29, 1945 from the New Haven Office of this Bureau to the New York Office, entitled "Lieutenant Peter Haller; Espionage; Espionage - R" which explains the visit of Miss Bentley to the New Haven Office on August 23, 1945, and a memorandum dated November 3, 1945, prepared in the New York Office of this Bureau entitled "Lieutenant Peter Haller; Espionage; Espionage - R" which explains the reason for Miss Bentley's appearance at the New York Office on October 16, 1945.

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Reference is made to my teletype dated August 18, 1948, concerning the anonymous letter received through Elizabeth T. Bentley by the Bureau.

I am attaching for your information and your possible future use a photostatic copy of the communication as well as the envelope in which it was received by Miss Bentley. A copy has also been made available to [redacted]

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

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Transmit the following message to: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO

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GREGORY, ESPIONAGE DASH R. RE YOUR RECENT INTERVIEW WITH BORIS VOLKOV.  
IMMEDIATELY SUBMIT REPORT REFLECTING RESULTS AMSD.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: August 4, 1948

FROM : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE

SUBJECT: GREGORY  
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Reference is made to my letter of August 3, 1948 which contained information concerning subject CHARLES KRAMER obtained from [REDACTED]. There is set forth hereinafter further information obtained from this informant as well as information concerning GREGORY SILVERMASTER obtained from [REDACTED].

CHARLES KRAMER

AND FIELD OFFICES  
ADVISE BY ROUTING  
SLIP(S) OF CLASS  
DATE 7-21-82

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NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER

On the morning of August 3, 1948, SILVERMASTER contacted JOSEPH FORER inquiring if FORER would be in the office that morning. FORER stated he would and that he expected DAVID REIN shortly. He invited SILVERMASTER over right away. (A) (U) (c)

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Shortly thereafter SILVERMASTER contacted the Committee on Un-American Activities claiming he had suffered a severe attack of asthma on the train the previous night and requested postponement of his hearing until August 4, 1948, which was subsequently granted. (S) (u) & u

[REDACTED]

SILVERMASTER then contacted his wife, HELEN SILVERMASTER, Beach Haven, New Jersey, 44623, referring to some documents, including "that letter from PATTERSON on some charges" and requested HELEN mail it ASMD, c/o DAVID REIN. (S) (u) & u

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WFO 100-17493

REFERENCE:

Teletype from NYC to Bureau and WFO dated August 24, 1948  
Teletype from Bureau to NYC dated August 25, 1948

DETAILS:

The referenced teletype of August 24, 1948 advised that GREGORY has informed the New York Office that she now recalls some time in the summer or fall of 1941 when she was making her first trips to Washington, D. C., JACOB GOLOS furnished her with the name of BERNICE LEVIN, an employee in the War Production Board, as one whom she could contact for information. From some time late in 1941 until approximately the middle of 1942 she met BERNICE LEVIN by pre-arrangement on various street corners in Washington, D. C., at which time Miss LEVIN would turn over to GREGORY copies of correspondence and typed notes concerning information coming into LEVIN'S possession in her employment as stenotypist. GREGORY recalled that Miss LEVIN was in the stenographic pool at the War Production Board and would be called to take dictation from various Board members making notes or taking copies of information she believed important. GREGORY declared the information supplied was of slight importance concerning production on items arranging from brassieres to pots and pans. *ml*

GREGORY further related in 1942 LEVIN had indicated she did not care about Washington and anticipated returning to New York in the near future. Shortly thereafter GREGORY lost track of BERNICE LEVIN and did not again hear of her until the spring of 1943 when JACOB GOLOS mentioned he had learned Miss LEVIN was employed in New York City. GREGORY believed Miss LEVIN was working for Tass News Agency, or the Inter-Continent News Service, then operated by GRACE GRANICH. She related further that GOLOS informed her that because of LEVIN'S occupation, there would be no need to contact her further. GREGORY recalled that from conversations with BERNICE LEVIN, the latter had moved to Washington following an unfortunate love affair in New York City where she had apparently lived a considerable period of time. GREGORY had no knowledge whether BERNICE LEVIN was an associate of GOLOS prior to entering the employment of the War Production Board in Washington, D. C. She further recalled that BERNICE LEVIN was apparently a friend of BARNEY JOSEPHSON, Cafe Society, Downtown New York City, remembering Miss LEVIN had indicated *ml*

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JOSEPHSON was aware of the interest of the FBI in him, his cafe, and his patrons. GREGORY described BERNICE LEVIN as fairly dark hair, medium height, Jewish, and stated BERNICE LEVIN was her true name. *ml*

HENRY ULASEK, Room W-5, Archives Building, made available the Office of Emergency Management personnel file on one Miss BERNICE LEVIN, 2225 N Street, N. W., Apartment 400. No other individual of similar name could be located by Mr. ULASEK, nor was there any file under the name BERNICE GOODMAN LEVINE, mentioned hereafter.

The file disclosed that BERNICE LEVIN was appointed August 11, 1941 as Junior Stenographer, Probational-Indefinite for duration with OPM (Office of Production Management, predecessor to War Production Board), CAF-2, at \$1440 per annum. Effective October 15, 1941 she was transferred to the Office of Emergency Management, which was the framework organization for a number of government agencies including OEM and WPB.

On November 1, 1942 she was promoted to Conference Reporter, CAF-4, at \$1800. On January 16, 1942 she was again promoted to Principal Conference Reporter, CAF-6, at \$2300. Effective July 1, 1942 she was made Head Conference Reporter, CAF-7 at \$2600, and on February 13, 1943 her position was changed back to Principal Stenographer Reporter at the same grade. All of the above employment was in the Division of Administrative Services, Office Services Operations Branch, Minutes and Reports Section.

The Division of Central Administrative Services was charged with maintaining a Central Budgeting, Accounting, and Fiscal Control System for the Office of Emergency Management and its constituent agencies and facilitated the efficient operations of the different agencies.

Effective January 5, 1943 BERNICE LEVIN voluntarily resigned from the Office of Emergency Management. The file indicates that she apparently left Washington about October 24, 1942, stating that after due investigation she had been unable to find a capable physician in Washington and had gone to New York. In view of the treatment being undertaken she had decided to resign. Sick and annual leave caused her to be carried on the rolls until January 5, 1943.

At the time Miss LEVIN moved to New York she gave her address as 1240 Park Avenue, Apartment 3-F, New York 28, New York. As late as December 19, 1943 she was still living at this address according to a letter received by the Office of Emergency Management from her.

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On November 24, 1942 a certification was received by the Office of Emergency Management from Dr. JOSEPH WILDER, 1211 Madison Avenue, New York City, to the effect that Miss LEVIN was ill and then under his care.

In connection with the oath of <sup>office</sup> ~~such~~ executed by BERNICE LEVIN August 11, 1941, it is noted that this oath contained an affidavit to the effect that she was not a member of the Communist Party, German Bund, or other Communist, Nazi, or Fascist organization, or any organization advocating the overthrow of our constitutional form of government.

Undated Form 375 executed by BERNICE LEVIN disclosed that she was born March 20, 1920 at Chicago, Illinois, daughter of SAM LEVIN, 1347 East 62nd Street, Chicago Illinois. She indicated she received eight years grade schooling, 1925 - 1932, and attended high school from September, 1932, to June, 1936, at Austin, Marshall, and Hyde Park schools, Chicago, - graduating. From July, 1936, to May, 1937, she attended the National Stenotype Institute, Chicago, Illinois, graduating in Stenotyping and Typing. She furnished her employment record as follows:

7-37 to 1-40	Private Sec., Perry Field Tire and Rubber Co. 2326 S. Michigan Street, Chicago
2/24/40	Typing job, one day Lansburg's Department Store \$3.00
2-26, 27-40	Temporary secretarial job \$7.00 a day E. A. AARON and BERGAZIN, Attys.
3-13 to 16-40	Temporary typing Government Experimental Farm
3/18/40 - 8/8/41	Private Secretary to National Secretary B'nai Brith 10th and K \$30 week

Took Civil Service Stenographer's exam, 1941 at Washington, D. C.

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In an undated application form executed for the Office of Production Management, BERNICE LEVIN gave her address as 2225 N Street, N. W., and stated she was employed by B'nai Brith. She described herself as 5' 2½", 115 pounds, wears glasses, and gave the following references:

Miss HELEN TROMER  
Employ. Mgr.  
41 and Michigan  
Chicago

Dr. HARRY GOMBERT  
2755 Prairie  
Chicago

Dr. M. GOLDWASSER  
116 N Hamlin  
Chicago

Mrs. JANET FRANK  
2101 New Hampshire Avenue  
Washington, D. C.  
Social Worker

Miss BESSIE BROOKS  
5515 Wolroth (?)  
Chicago, Illinois  
Stenographer

She indicated the person to notify in emergency was Mrs. ABE J. JAFFEY, cousin, 4119 North 4th Street, Arlington, Virginia.

On September 9, 1942 Miss LEVIN changed her address from 2225 N Street, N. W., to 1685 Crescent Place, N. W., Apartment 4, giving at this time the person to notify, her cousin, A. J. JAFFEY, 1627 34th Street, Washington, D. C., DU 8955.

On August 21, 1942 Miss LEVIN changed her beneficiary in connection with deductions for U. S. Bond purchases from her brother, LEON LEVIN, to her father, SAM LEVIN, 1347 East 67th Street, Chicago, Illinois.

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The indices of the Washington Field Office contain no record concerning BERNICE LEVIN. From a highly confidential source from whom the active indices of the National Federation for Constitutional Liberties were obtained, it was learned that the name of BERNICE GOODMAN LEVINE, 2225 N Street, N. W., was included in these indices. u

The 1942 Washington City Directory disclosed that one BERNICE LEVIN, reporter, resided at 2225 N Street, N. W., Apartment 400. The same directory disclosed Mrs. ANNA GOODMAN ALLEN resided at this address.

A review of the file entitled "ANNA GOODMAN ALLEN, WAS, INTERNAL SECURITY, HATCH ACT" disclosed that ANNA GOODMAN also known as Mrs. BENJAMIN ALLEN, had resided at 2225 N Street, N. W., for a number of years and that two girls, namely BERNICE LEVINE and ROSE MADISON lived with her in Apartment 400. Investigation at that time indicated that both ANNA ALLEN and ANNA GOODMAN, as well as her daughter, BEVERLY GOODMAN GOLDSCHMIDT, were alleged Communists, and that the ALLENS were members of numerous front organizations in Washington, D. C.

An informant [REDACTED] advised that Mrs. ALLEN held regular meetings in her apartment, which she believed were Communist meetings, and mentioned that a number of Mrs. ALLEN'S friends who lived in the apartment house then or at one time were believed to be Communists and included MORTON SOBELL, ELAINE GOLDSTEIN, MAX ELICHTER, JACOB BERMAN, BERNARD KRUG, NETTIE SUCHER, IRVING KEISER, FLORENCE HERTZOG, and WILLIAM and ANN REMINGTON (subjects in this case). This informant mentioned that the REMINGTONS had been very active and always possessed a great deal of literature in their room. (u) b7c b7D

From the above, it appears that BERNICE LEVIN and BERNICE GOODMAN LEVINE, may have been identical and that subject LEVIN found it convenient to use the name BERNICE GOODMAN LEVINE.

The Washington Field Office files contain no record concerning four of the references given by BERNICE LEVIN mentioned above. However, a file appears under the name of BESSIE R. BROOKS, SECURITY MATTER - C, Milwaukee origin. A review of this file reflects that BESSIE BROOKS came to Milwaukee, Wisconsin from Washington, D. C. (or Baltimore) about May, 1943, and became employed as a stenographer in the CIO Offices in



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Milwaukee under MEYER ADELMAN, a key figure Communist.

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Investigation in the case referred to disclosed that in May, 1942, BESSIE BROOKS resided at 2225 N Street, N. W., with ANNA GOODMAN ALLEN.

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Investigation in Milwaukee, Wisconsin in the BESSIE BROOKS case disclosed that MEYER ADELMAN and his wife, ROSE MADISON, were both Communist Party members known to the Milwaukee Office. In this connection it is noted that one ROSE MADISON was described as residing in the apartment of ANNA GOODMAN ALLEN at the same time subject BERNICE LEVIN lived with Mrs. ALLEN.

It is further noted that the investigation in Milwaukee of

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The reference to KATHERINE and HARRY GANNT is believed to be significant as investigation in Washington, D. C. has indicated that HARRY GANNT lived with NADINE REDEKER, described by GREGORY as an early contact and as a sister of BARBARA REDEKER, who was an employee of the FBI.

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THE NEW YORK OFFICE:

At New York City, will conduct investigation to further develop the background and past activities of BERNICE LEVIN as well as her current residence, employment, and activities, in accordance with Bureau teletype of August 25, 1948.

In this connection will make appropriate investigation at 1240 Park Avenue, 3-F (28), New York, and if deemed advisable, make contact with Dr. JOSEPH WILDER, 1211 Madison Avenue.

THE CHICAGO OFFICE:

At Chicago, Illinois, will check indices and make appropriate investigation concerning BERNICE LEVIN and her family, including SAMUEL LEVIN, father, 1347 East 62nd Street, and brother, LEON LEVIN, address unknown.

Will also search the indices of the Chicago Office and report any available data concerning the references furnished by BERNICE LEVIN to the Office of Emergency Management.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DATE: August 3, 1948

TO: Director, FBI

FROM: H. GUY HOTTEL, SAC, Washington Field

SUBJECT: GREGORY  
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Mr. Nichols	.....
Mr. Rosen	.....
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Mr. Egan	.....
Mr. Gurnea	.....
Mr. Harbo	.....
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Mr. Pennington	.....
Mr. Quinn	.....
Mr. Nease	.....
Miss Gandy	.....

Recent newspaper and radio accounts concerning the hearings before the HCUA have given prominent mention to a "mystery" witness who was to appear before the Committee and according to Congressman MUNDT would "break the case". The account appearing in the Washington Times Herald indicated that this mystery witness was in France and that arrangements were being made to return the witness to testify before the Committee.

Discreet inquiry from LOUIS A. RUSSELL, Investigator for the HCUA, by Special Agent RAPHAEL I. NIXON disclosed that the account as it appeared in the Washington Times Herald was a distortion of two separate matters being considered by the HCUA.

You will be promptly advised of any additional information coming to the attention of this office in regards to these matters.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

Butte, Montana  
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Director, FBI

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*Hathaway*  
RE: GREGORY SILVERMASTER  
COMMUNIST AGENT

*Exp - R.*

Dear Sir:

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ON 7/26/83

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There are being transmitted herewith to the Bureau and the Seattle Office copies of a letter entitled as above from Mr. STANLEY M. DOYLE, Attorney at Law, Polson, Montana, addressed to Hon. HOMER D. FERGUSON, Senator. Mr. DOYLE furnished me with a copy of the letter referred to.

This is being furnished to the Bureau and the Seattle Office for information and such attention as is deemed appropriate.

Very truly yours

*W. G. Banister*

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Hon. Homer D. Ferguson  
U. S. Senator from Michigan  
Senate Office Building  
Washington, D. C.

Re: Gregory Silvermaster,  
Communist Agent

My dear Senator:

Mr. Seth W. Richardson of Washington introduced me to you in the Senate cafe last October 25th. This prelude so you can ascertain with certainty my identity. Senator Vandenberg can also verify some of the statements that hereafter follow.

GREGORY SILVERMASTER, is not the true name of this subject. As I recall his true name starts with the given name of Sergii and he was born in Russia and was brought to this country by an American citizen when in his middle teens and as I recall his port of entry was either Seattle or San Francisco.

Subject enrolled at the University of Washington at Seattle, and in company with ex-Congressman Hugh Delacy, Prof. Ralph Gundlach, Associate professor of psychology at University of Washington, and Prof. Herbert J. Phillips, now at Columbia and formerly in the philosophy department of University of Washington, these four men lived with ANNA BARBARA FALKOFF, WHO PRESENTLY RESIDES AT 1710 East Denny, Seattle, Washington.

Informants in the Party have told me that this Falkoff, or Falcoff woman was and is the most important Communist Party member west of the Mississippi. She is quite wealthy and she operated a boarding house from these four men above named when they were undergraduates at the University of Washington.

This writer made a brief investigation of Mrs. Falkoff, she is a widow apparently, during the war years of 1944-45 and checked all available records including judgments, court records, both state and federal. There are a number of omissions in her history, together with her wealth that do NOT add up.

In any event these four Commissars went places after leaving her and the school. Gundlach and Phillips face contempt charges for refusing

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to state they were NOT Communists before the State of Washington Canwell un-American Committee at this time. De Lacy needs no comment. The subject, Silvermaster, went to California and became an astuary with the W.P.A., about 1935.

Mr. Harper L. Knowles, former Major, G-2, San Francisco Port of Embarkation during the war and this writer discovered that subject Silvermaster seemed to exercise control of northern California W.P.A., personnel all out of proportion to his status and grade. We discovered that he had delivered over to the secretary of the Fillmore Street unit of the C.P., in San Francisco, a power mimeograph machine, the property of the WPA, and that he kept this machine supplied with paper and ink and stencils. The machine was in an apartment house across the street and just west of the Scottish Rite - Knight Templar Building west of Fillmore Street and I think on Sacramento street. I had this spot under observation for two days to confirm this story.

About this time, in 1936, a Mr. Wagner of Bently of the main WPA office in Washington, D. C., who was WPA national personnel director, sent a Western Union wire to the San Francisco WPA director stating that Silvermaster was under fire for loyalty by the U.S. Secret Service and the American Legion of California, but that notwithstanding the fact Silvermaster was offered a job in the main Washington WPA office at \$7200.00 per year. A photograph of this telegram was in the possession of Mr. Knowles, whose present address is 660 Market Street, Western Research Foundation, San Francisco. I might add that we came by the telegram under conditions that are known in the Army as "midnight requisition". Silvermaster got the job and left for Washington, D. C.

Silvermaster was thereafter transferred from WPA to the U. S. Maritime Commission at the instigation of Dr. Louis Bloch, then with that body. Dr. Bloch was a Party member, his party name being Don Post. Senator Vandenberg has knowledge of this fact.

To determine just how much influence Silvermaster had with the San Francisco WPA office, I had a Party informant take me to a Dr. Klien, a dentist in the Flood Building, who was the secretary of the down-town unit of the Communist Party in San Francisco. I was introduced to Klien, Leon, I think his first name was, as a man just discharged from the Cook County, Illinois, jail for illegal possession of explosives, and who had a toothache, and who wanted a WPA job. Klien treated my tooth for free and told me to see Silvermaster for the job, despite the fact that I had

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stated that I had just landed from Chicago, and six months residence in California was required. At that time I was working on the Harry Bridges deportation case and I did NOT contact Silvermaster.

Silvermaster was also one of the board of strategy of the Party in the Bridges deportation case, and I shall always believe that he was in the "know" when Madame Perkins did NOT empower fellow-traveller James M. Xandis to administer oaths so that Party witnesses for Bridges could be prosecuted for perjury.

For reasons of security, I wrote this myself rather than dictate to my secretary. I am

Cordially and sincerely

/s/ Stanley M. Doyle



## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI


FROM : *Jeff* GUY HOTTEL, SAC, Washington Field

SUBJECT: *Gregory* GREGORY  
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: August 2, 1948

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Reference is made to my previous correspondence regarding present hearings being conducted by the House Committee on Un-American Activities, in which ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY is appearing concerning subjects in the above captioned case.

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In the event any additional information is obtained by this office, it will be furnished to you promptly.

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TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, San Francisco

SUBJECT: GREGORY  
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: August 5, 1948

Reourtel August 5, 1948.

Enclosed herewith is a copy of an article taken from the August 4, 1948 issue of the San Francisco Call Bulletin Newspaper.

The article is self-explanatory and no investigation is being conducted by this office. However, inquiry was made of Inspector THOMAS FITZPATRICK of the San Francisco Police Department who advised that they had thought that possibly the woman involved could have been ELOISE WRIGHT, 3824 California Street, San Francisco and her seven year old son, who were reported missing, or JEAN COVEN of Berkeley, California, who in the past had been thwarted in a suicide attempt. Inspector FITZPATRICK added that both of these possibilities were checked and determined that they were not the woman involved.

This morning's newspapers in San Francisco carried the additional information that in Washington, D. C. Miss ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY said, "To the best of my knowledge I don't know anybody in San Francisco. I can't think of any woman with a baby out there that I know."

In the event any pertinent information is received by this office the Bureau will be advised.

ENCLOSURES TO: BUREAU: (Newspaper clippings from San Francisco Call Bulletin)

WASHINGTON FIELD: (Newspaper clippings from San Francisco Call Bulletin)

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# Link Clothing on Span to Spy Quiz

A scattered pile of worn but expensive women's clothing and a typewritten note, possibly addressed to the key figure in the Washington inquiry into Communist spy activities, were found early today on the center span of the Golden Gate Bridge.

The note, indicating suicidal identity contained in the note was a reference to the fact it was being written in a "little dump on Pacific" where the janitor had turned off the heat.

With it was found a torn section of the first page of a newspaper, carrying the spy story mentioning the name of Elizabeth T. Bentley, whose testimony launched the current probe.

## BENTLEY REACTION

In Washington Miss Bentley said to the "best of my knowledge I don't know anybody in San Francisco."

"I can't think of any woman with a baby out there that I know," she told the Associated Press.

The only clue to the author's

WRITES OF BABY  
Text of the note indicated that if the woman who wrote it actually did leap from the bridge, she may have taken a child with her to death.

"By the time someone reads this, my troubles will be over, thank God," the note read. "How I have suffered. I didn't want my little baby to suffer what I've been through, so I'm taking it with me."

There was no signature, the author explaining "nobody would care about my name, except maybe Elizabeth."

Nor did the letter specifically

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# Clothing Hint Gate Span Leap

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state a motive for suicide, although it referred obliquely to the Communist spy probe and the part "E. T. B." has played in it.

"You have done very well with it, haven't you Elizabeth?" the note read. "I suppose you intend to go to Hollywood when you are quite through with them and they are quite through with you."

At another point, the note reminded its addressee:

"Leon spelled it out for us, Elizabeth. He warned us of the turning point and he defined the differences between what it was in the beginning and the 'now.'"

## REFERENCE TO HISS

In the newspaper clipping which accompanied the note, part of a reference to Alger Hiss, named as a Communist yesterday by Whittaker Chambers in congressional testimony, was underlined in pencil.

The clothing, which bore the labels of expensive stores—one of them in Berkeley—and the note were found this morning after a passing motorcyclist reported at the toll plaza he had seen a figure on the span near the north tower.

The cyclist believed he had seen a man, but Patrolman Joseph Lucas of the highway patrol, who investigated, found the women's articles scattered near a light pole on the center span on the western side of the bridge.

It was believed that whoever left them may have approached the bridge from the Marin side which would have been possible without being observed.

However, because of the manner in which they were scattered, the patrolmen theorized they might have been tossed to the sidewalk from a moving automobile.

## CLUES IN CLOTHING

Inventory of the articles at Northern Station revealed they included a woman's  $\frac{3}{4}$  length coat, a pair of black suede shoes, a black patent leather purse and the note and newspaper clipping.

The clothing was obviously of good quality, but equally obviously it had been worn for a long time. A collar of the coat was torn at the seam, the shoes were worn thin and the sole of one had almost gone through.

In the coat, police found the label of Sam L. Cort, apparently the manufacturer, and beneath it that of "Vaughn, Sather Gate"—the name of a Berkeley shop near the University of California.

The shoes were high heeled, with red inner soles and sandal type straps connecting heels to ankle. They were manufactured by the Laird Schober Company, and were described by police as of an expensive make and model.

## 42 CENTS IN PURSE

Contents of the purse, which was adorned with a bronze clip, included 42 cents in change, a San Francisco street car token, a package of cigarettes, a man's handkerchief, a dark red lipstick bearing the name "Mahogany," a small hairbrush, a fingernail file, a pack of matches and a small package of digestive tablets.

The mysterious note was typed, apparently by an expert, on ordinary writing paper which bore no watermark.

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## Gate Span 'Suicide' Note Text Revealed

Following is the text of the suicide note found early today on the center span of the Golden Gate Bridge:

"August 3.

"Dear E. T. B.

"I am not going to try to be dramatic about this; as a matter of fact I regard it as one of the most sordid things I have ever attempted (God knows I think I shall succeed in this one mission, the laws of gravity being what they are).

"This little dump on Pacific is not the best place to sit and contemplate the imponderables. It is drafty, and the janitor feels that June spells the beginning of summer and refuses to turn the heat on until the first of October, and the sun (if there is such a planet) is setting and my life is going out with it.

"You have done very well with it, haven't you, Elizabeth? I suppose you intend to go to Hollywood when you are quite through with them and they are quite through with you. That's fine. You and that colony should get along quite well together. You're two of a kind, sensationalism is part of your very fiber and your beliefs—your secret beliefs, even yet—run parallel.

"Leon spelled it out for us, Elizabeth. He warned us of the turning point and he defined the differences between what

it was in the beginning and the 'now.'"

At that point the letter was torn, as though a paragraph or two had been removed from it. On the remaining piece of paper, the note continued:

"All right. Before you turn the next page of your diary, you will find the point of it quite gone. And so will I be.

"By the time someone reads this my troubles will be over, thank God. How I have suffered. I didn't want my little baby to suffer what I've been through so I'm taking it with me."

Here a sentence had been written, then x-ed over with the typewriter. The note concluded:

"Praise the Lord there is a way out."

There was a blank spot where normally there would have been a signature, and a postscript said:

"P. S. Nobody would care about my name, except maybe Elizabeth."

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### CLOTHES FOUND ON SPAN

Officer G. Lucher holds woman's clothing found on Golden Gate bridge today. With garments was note, indicating suicidal intent, addressed to "Dear E. B. T.," and newspaper page carrying spy story and mentioning name of Elizabeth T. Bentley.

—Call-Bulletin Photograph.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI.

FROM : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD

SUBJECT: GREGORY  
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This is to advise that on July 28, 1948, during the course of handling another matter, Special Agent RAPHAEL I. NIXON of this office was in discussion with LOUIS RUSSELL, investigator for the House Committee on Un-American Activities. At this time Mr. RUSSELL volunteered the information that the hearing at which informant GREGORY was to appear before the Special Sub-Committee of the House Committee on Un-American Activities, was to take place Saturday, July 31, 1948, in "New Jersey". Inasmuch as the Agent did not question Mr. RUSSELL in further detail, it is not possible to state with certainty where in New Jersey the hearing will be held.

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TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 8/31/48

FROM : SAC, Buffalo

SUBJECT: GREGORY  
ESPIONAGE - R

AIR MAIL - SPECIAL DELIVERY

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On August 2, 1948, a reporter for the "Rochester Sun," Rochester, New York, informed an Agent of this office that upon noting in a news dispatch that informant, ELIZABETH BENTLEY, had referred to previous residence in Rochester during the course of her testimony before the Senate Investigating Committee, he had conducted an investigation to establish this fact. However, the reporter had not been able to obtain any information which tended to verify this residence, other than the fact that one LINA BATEMAN had resided from 1932 to 1942 at 65 Rutgers Street, Rochester, New York, where, according to news reports, BENTLEY had at one time lived.

Inasmuch as BATEMAN was said to be a graduate of Vassar and was also a teacher of the same subjects as those taught by BENTLEY, it occurred to the reporter that BATEMAN might be identical with BENTLEY. He wished to verify this fact with the Bureau in order that the information might be published in the paper.

The reporter was advised that information contained in the Bureau's files was confidential and consequently his question could not be answered.

It is believed that in the event the above facts may be sufficient to identify BENTLEY with BATEMAN, the Bureau would be interested in these additional facts concerning her background.

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Inasmuch as the "Rochester Sun" is a reputable newspaper, and for the further reason that the reporter in question is reliable and cooperative, it is desired that the Bureau advise whether or not any identification of BATEMAN with BENTLEY may be furnished to the reporter.

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DATE: August 13, 1948

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE

SUBJECT: GREGORY, ET AL  
ESPIONAGE - R  
(Bureau File 65-56402)

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3042 PWT-JAR ATTENTION: MR. HOWARD FLETCHER  
CA 95-1121

Pursuant to Bureau instructions, an Agent of this office attended the public hearings of the House Committee on Un-American Activities held August 13, 1948, in the Caucus Room of the Old House Office Building.

The first witness called was LAUCHLIN CURRIE who appeared without legal counsel and who submitted a lengthy statement in which he incorporated a resume of his background, education and employment to date. In his statement and later in answer to specific questions put to him by members of the committee, CURRIE denied all allegations made by previous witnesses, ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY and WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, concerning his activity as an alleged espionage agent and Communist Party member or sympathizer.

CURRIE remained on the witness stand from 10:15 A. M. until 11:40 A. M. During the course of the interrogation, he admitted intimate knowledge of numerous persons mentioned in the SILVERMASTER group but denied any allegations that such acquaintance and activity with those persons included espionage or Communist Party activity. It was brought out in the interrogation of CURRIE that he had previously made a statement to Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and in reference to the statement, CURRIE admitted part of the questioning on the part of FBI Agents related to the information concerning the breaking of the Russian code.

CURRIE advised the committee he would have no objections to his statement made to the FBI being made public before the committee.

HARRY DEXTER WHITE followed LAUCHLIN CURRIE to the witness stand and after being sworn gave the committee a resume of his background and employment. WHITE did not have the benefit of legal counsel. He made a prepared statement in which he denied all allegations made against him by Miss BENTLEY and WHITTAKER CHAMBERS. He also denied ever having known CHAMBERS or Miss BENTLEY.

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August 13, 1948

Concerning WHITE's knowledge and acquaintance with HAROLD GLASSER, it was brought out in the committee interrogation that Mr. WHITE had been questioned either by the agents of the Civil Service Commission or Special Agents of the FBI concerning GLASSER's loyalty. A member of the committee asked WHITE specifically whether or not the FBI had asked him if HAROLD GLASSER was a member of the Communist Party; also WHITE was asked if the FBI Agents specifically mentioned the Communist Party when they interviewed WHITE concerning HAROLD GLASSER. WHITE replied that the questions of the FBI Agents did not specifically include the word "Communism" but were more general concerning the loyalty of Mr. GLASSER and WHITE added that the FBI Agents did not state that GLASSER was a Communist.

Dr. BELA GOLD was the first witness called before the committee in the afternoon session. Dr. GOLD appeared alone and was not accompanied by legal counsel. He read a prepared statement setting forth his background, education and employment and in his statement specifically denied all allegations made concerning him by ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY and vehemently denied membership in the Communist Party or any front organizations.

Members of the committee did not specifically question him and he was excused after reading his statement. Mrs. SONIA GOLD, wife of BELA GOLD, followed her husband to the stand. She was not accompanied by legal counsel. SONIA GOLD presented a prepared statement in which she incorporated her background, educational and employment history and she also denied all allegations of espionage and Communist Party membership which had been made against her by Miss BENTLEY. She was not further questioned and was excused after presenting her statement.

The next witness heard was FRANK COE who was represented by his attorney, Mr. O. JOHN ROGGE. COE read a prepared statement in which he denied all allegations made by Miss BENTLEY of having been a Communist Party member and engaged in an espionage ring.

At the conclusion of numerous questions put to him by various members of the Congressional committee, COE asked permission to personally confront Miss BENTLEY and interrogate her before the committee. COE and Acting Chairman MUNDT engaged in a short argument dealing with COE's request to confront and question BENTLEY and while so engaged, there was a disturbance in the rear of the room when some unknown man made an outburst. The unknown man was immediately expelled by Capitol policemen, and it was noted that this unknown individual was accompanied by another man identified as ALEXANDER KORAL.

The last witness heard by Congressional committee was DONALD HISS who appeared without legal counsel and after being sworn, HISS read a lengthy statement, a copy of which was obtained and is being submitted herewith to the Bureau.

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HISS denied all allegations concerning Communist Party activity and espionage which had been made against him by WHITTAKER CHAMBERS in a previous session before this committee. Members of the committee appeared to be greatly impressed by DONALD HISS and in questioning him about minor points of his statement were almost apologetic towards him.

At the conclusion of the testimony of HISS, Acting Chairman MUNDT and Congressman McDOWELL both commented briefly on the fact that perjury had been committed before the committee, either by those witnesses making allegations or by those witnesses who appeared in their own defense.

During the course of the proceedings today before the House Committee on Un-American Activities, there was no reference direct or implied that might reflect unfavorably towards this Bureau.

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STATEMENT OF DONALD NISS

On August 3, 1948, upon reading the full transcript of the testimony of Mr. D. Whittaker Chambers given on that date before the House Committee on Un-American Activities, I issued a statement to the press denying the allegations that Mr. Chambers made with respect to me.

On August 5, I forwarded a sworn copy of this statement to the Acting Chairman of this Committee and in the covering letter stated that I was "available, willing and anxious to appear before your Committee and repeat these denials under oath and answer any questions which you or any other member of the Committee may have."

In order that the record will be clear, I should like to repeat the statement which I issued to the press and forwarded to the Committee. In the statement I said:

"I have read the full transcript of the testimony of Mr. D. Whittaker Chambers given today before the House Committee on Un-American Activities. Among other things Mr. Chambers said that he knew me as a member of the Communist Party, as one of an elite Communist group which regularly met in a certain apartment in Washington, and as the leader of a local communist cell. With the exception of the facts, which he also stated, that I have an elder brother named Alger Niss, that I have been employed in the Department of Labor and State, and that, as an employee of a local law firm (other than the one he named), I assisted in rendering legal service to the Polish Supply Mission in connection with a loan granted in 1946 by the Export-Import Bank, I flatly deny every statement made by Mr. Chambers with respect to me.

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"I am not and never have been a member of the Communist Party or of any formal or informal organizations affiliated with or fronting in any manner whatsoever for the Communist Party. In fact, the only organizations and clubs to which I have belonged are the local YMCA, the Miles River Boat Club of Maryland, the old Washington Racquet Club, the Harvard Law School Association, the American Society of International Law, and college fraternities and athletic clubs.

"I have no recollection of ever having met any person by the name of D. Whittaker Chambers, nor do I recognize his photograph which I have seen in the public press. I am not and never have been in sympathy with the principles of the Communist Party. Any interested person could easily have discovered these facts by inquiry of any of the distinguished, respected and unquestionably loyal Americans with whom I have been intimately associated."

I appreciate the opportunity to amplify this general statement of denial. Mr. Chambers testified that I met with him and other persons in the house or apartment of Mr. Henry Collins at St. Matthews Court in Washington in 1937 and apparently prior to 1937. These other persons named by Mr. Chambers were: Mr. Collins, Mr. Witt, my brother Alger Hiss, Mr. Pressman, Mr. Kramer or Krivitsky, and Mr. Perlo.

I deny this categorically, I have never been in any apartment or home of Mr. Collins at St. Matthews Court or at any place else on any occasion in 1937 or at any other time. Furthermore, to the best of my knowledge, I have never met, have never known and do not know any person by the name of Charles Kramer or Krivitsky, by the name of Victor Perlo, or by the name of D. Whittaker Chambers.



I met Mr. Collins a number of years ago probably in 1933 or 1934. I have seen him infrequently during this period and have known him only casually. I have never engaged in any political discussions with him, so far as I can remember.

Mr. Pressman and Mr. Abt I met when they were with the Agricultural Adjustment Administration in 1933 or 1934, and Mr. Witt I have known since 1929 when we were classmates in our first year at the Harvard Law School. I saw Messrs. Pressman, Abt and Witt occasionally in 1933, 1934, and 1935, when they were working in the same division of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration with my brother, Alger Hiss.

To the best of my knowledge I have never seen Mr. Abt or Mr. Witt since 1935. Since 1935 I have only seen Mr. Pressman a few times and then in passing him on the street except for one occasion in 1946 when I saw him and a number of other persons at the Polish Embassy at a social function. I attended this function because at that time I was working on some legal matters for the Polish Supply Mission.

With reference to my work with the Polish Supply Mission, it was performed in the capacity of an employee of my firm until January, 1947 when I became a partner. It is my understanding that the firm was retained to render

legal assistance to the Mission some time in the last half of 1945. The senior partner of the firm, Mr. Edward B. Burling, and another partner, Mr. Charles Horsky, were in charge of the case. In the early part of 1946, it is my recollection, Mr. Burling assigned me to assist him due to the fact that Mr. Horsky was in Germany assisting the United States Government in prosecuting Nazi war criminals. Upon Mr. Horsky's return I continued to work on this case, as well as on a number of others. The major part of my time was spent on drafting and negotiating contracts and the working out of procedures for the clearance of such contracts with the Export-Import Bank. The work was completed in March, 1947.

Most of this information with respect to the services rendered by my firm to the Polish Supply Mission, together with additional data, is set forth, I believe, in the reports Mr. Burling submitted to the Department of Justice in accordance with the Foreign Agents Registration Act.

As for the other persons mentioned by Mr. Chambers, to the best of my knowledge I have never met, have never known and do not know any person by the name of Harold ~~X~~ Ware, by the name of Helen ~~X~~ Ware or by the name of J. ~~X~~ Peters, ~~X~~ Goldeneiss or Goldberger. Harry D. ~~X~~ White, also named by Mr. Chambers, I have seen only three times in my life so far as I can recall. In 1942 and in 1943 I saw him at

official State and Treasury Department meetings in connection with the administration of Foreign Funds Control, and in the winter of 1946 I saw him at the social function mentioned above.

Finally, in conclusion let me reiterate that I know that I have never carried on any conversation with D. Whittaker Chambers in the apartment or home of Mr. Collins. This fact I know for three reasons. In the first place, I am not and have never been a member of the Communist Party or of any formal or informal organizations affiliated with or fronting for the Communist Party. Secondly, I do not know and do not recall having ever met Mr. D. Whittaker Chambers, either under that name or judging from his photographs under any name whatever. Thirdly, I have never been in any apartment or home of Mr. Collins.

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## BIOGRAPHICAL BACKGROUND

OF

DONALD HISS

I was born in Baltimore, Maryland on December 13, 1906. I was graduated in 1925 from a private school, the Baltimore Friends' School, a Quaker institution. I entered Johns Hopkins University in 1925 and graduated in 1929. I then entered the Harvard Law School in the fall of 1929 and graduated in June, 1932.

I was appointed Secretary to Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes and served in that capacity from October 1932 until October 1933. In December, 1933 I accepted an appointment as an attorney in the Federal Public Works Administration. I was appointed to the legal staff of the Department of the Interior in 1934 and remained there until 1936 when I accepted an appointment in the Department of Labor. I served in that Department until February, 1938 at which time I was appointed to the Legal Adviser's staff in the State Department, and assigned to the Office of Philippine Affairs.

In the State Department I served as Chief of the Division of Foreign Funds Control, Executive Assistant to the Assistant Secretary in charge of economic affairs, and as deputy director of the Office of Economic Affairs. In the last part of 1942, shortly after the invasion of North Africa, I was sent to Algiers as a member of an economic mission and returned in March 1943.

In March, 1945 I resigned from the State Department and entered the law firm in Washington of which I am now a member.

In addition to the foregoing, I was a lecturer on international law at the Catholic University Law School during the academic years 1938-1939 and 1939-1940. I have performed a similar function for the past two years at the School of Advanced International Studies here in Washington.

August 27, 1948

The Attorney General

Director, FBI

WILLIAM WALTER REMINGTON  
INTERNAL SECURITY - R

Senator Homer Ferguson called the Bureau late today and in my absence from the City talked to Mr. Nichols. The purpose of his call was to request that I appear before the Senate Investigating Committee in connection with its inquiries into the Remington case and into the Loyalty Program.

Mr. Nichols told him of my absence from the city and of the fact that I could not appear before his Committee and testify on these subjects in the absence of a directive from you in view of the Presidential Order. He then advised Mr. Nichols that he wished that his request would be conveyed to me immediately in order that I could refer the matter to you so that you could take the matter under consideration and advise the Senator of your wishes.

In view of the Presidential Order there would, of course, be nothing that I could testify to in view of the ruling on the confidential contents of the files pertaining to Loyalty matters. I did want, however, to have this matter called to your immediate attention in order that you could advise Senator Ferguson of your decision as to whether I should or should not testify before his Committee.

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ATTENTION MR. LADD

GREGORY. ESP DASH R. LOCAL NEWSPAPERS CARRYING STORY THAT HIGHWAY

PATROL AT ABOUT FIVE A.M. TODAY FOUND A WOMAN'S SHOE, COAT AND

PURSE SCATTERED ON GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE WITH A NEWSPAPER SLIPPING

OF ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY'S TESTIMONY BEFORE HUAC AND UNSIGNED

TYPEWRITTEN NOT ADDRESSED TO QUOTE DEAR ETB UNQUOTE REFERRING

BITTERLY TO HER TESTIMONY. SUICIDE NOTE INDICATES UNKNOWN WOMAN

MAY HAVE BEEN ASSOCIATE OF BENTLEY. CLOTHING

AND PURSE CONTAIN NO IDENTIFYING DATA. TEXT OF SUICIDE NOTE BEING

FORWARDED AMSD. SF POLICE ARE INVESTIGATING MISSING PERSONS. THIS

OFFICE CONDUCTING NO INVESTIGATION HOWEVER BUREAU WILL

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BENTLEY CALLED JOSEPH KELLY TO ADVISE THAT SHE DID NOT KNOW  
WHO THE PARTY WAS WHO LEFT THE NOTE IN THE  
ALONGSIDE THE CAR AT SAN FRANCISCO.

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REQUESTING INTERVIEW OF VERA WITTE OF DETROIT AS AUTHORIZED BY BUTEL

OF AUGUST FOURTEENTH. CLARIFICATION AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IN  
REGARD TO REPORT OF BOWEN F. ROSE AT DETROIT ON MARCH ELEVEN, NINETEEN  
FORTY SIX AS OBTAINED FROM PERSONNEL FILE OF VERA WITTE AT MICHIGAN  
STATE WELFARE DEPARTMENT, DETROIT, HER EMPLOYER, FOLLOWS- LETTER OF  
NOVEMBER FOURTEEN, NINETEEN FORTY TO WELFARE DEPARTMENT, DETROIT, INQUIR-  
ING RE EMPLOYMENT BORE RETURN ADDRESS FIVE FIVE ONE FIVE THIRTIETH ST.,  
N.W., WASHINGTON, D.C. WITTE OBTAINED SICK LEAVE JULY NINE TO AUGUST  
THIRTY FIRST, NINETEEN FORTY TWO WITH FORWARDING ADDRESS FIVE FIVE ONE  
THIRIETH STREET, N.W., WASHINGTON, D.C. EMPLOYER RECEIVED LETTER FROM  
WITTE POSTMARKED JULY TWENTY SECOND, NINETEEN FORTY TWO AT PUYALLUP,  
WASHINGTON, REQUESTING HER CHECK BE SENT IN CARE OF MRS. J. PETER  
ONE THREE FIVE ONE FIFTEENTH STREET, PUYALLUP, WASHINGTON. DUE TO  
WITTE-S HANDWRITING UNABLE TO POSITIVELY DETERMINE INITIALS OF PETERS.  
EMPLOYER RECEIVED WIRE FROM WITTE AUGUST TWENTY FOUR, NINETEEN FORTY  
WITH SAME WASHINGTON, D.C. ADDRESS.

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IN JULY, NINETEEN FORTY FIVE WITTE REQUESTED HER SALARY BE FORWARDED TO THREE TWO FIVE NAUGHT WEST BROADWAY, VANCOUVER, B.C. SEPTEMBER TWELFTH, NINETEEN FORTY SIX, WITTE REQUESTED SIX MONTHS LEAVE TO ASSIST AGED MOTHER IN SHANGHAI, CHINA, OBTAIN A VISA TO ENTER THE U.S. LETTERS FROM WITTE AT SHANGHAI DATED MAY ELEVEN AND AUGUST TWENTY SIX, NINETEEN FORTY SEVEN BORE THE RETURN ADDRESSES CARE OF SERGEY LAVROV, UNRRA, EMBANKMENT BUILDING AND THREE SIX THREE A GREAT WESTERN ROAD, BOTH SHANGHAI. RETURNED TO EMPLOYMENT OCTOBER, NINETEEN FORTY SEVEN. REFERENCE WASHINGTON FIELD LETTER TO BUREAU DECEMBER TWENTY NINE, NINETEEN FORTY FIVE STATES WITTES PASSPORT OBTAINED TO VISIT ILL FATHER IN CHINA. IN VIEW OF INFORMATION INDICATING A CONTINUED RELATIONSHIP WITH A PERSON AT THE SILVERMASTER ADDRESS AND A POSSIBLE RELATIONSHIP WITH J. PETERS, VERA WITTE WILL NOT BE INTERVIEWED UNLESS ADVISED TO CONTRARY. RUC.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : *[Signature]* GUY HOTTEL, SAC, Washington Field

SUBJECT: GREGORY  
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DATE: August 3, 1948

This is to advise that information has been received from Mr. LOUIS A. RUSSELL, Investigator, House Committee on Un-American Activities, that that Committee plans to have NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER appear before the Committee all day on August 4, 1948.

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GUY HOTTEL, SAC, Washington Field

August 3, 1948

CARL E. GRAHAM, Special Agent

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES  
OPEN HEARING, AUGUST 3, 1948  
ROOM 1102, NEW HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING

On this date, the writer attended the Open Hearing Session of the House of Representatives Special Committee on Un-American Activities held in the Hearing Room of the House Ways and Means Committee, room 1102, New House Office Building.

The Committee met in closed Executive Session for a few minutes, shortly after 10:00 A. M. in the hearing room in the Old House Office Building; thereafter moved to the New House Office Building and resumed the hearing. The only witness to testify was WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, now one of the Editors of "Time" Magazine. During the entire session which was adjourned at 12:20 P. M., there was nothing said which in any way might be interpreted as unfavorable towards the Bureau.

In closing, Mr. J. PARNELL THOMAS invoked the assistance of any other former or present members of the Communist Party who might now desire to assist the Government. Mr. THOMAS concluded that the FBI and the House Committee on Un-American Activities were the interested agencies; working against great handicap of disbelieving and gullible public which could not realize that "it can and has happened here".

The Committee announced the hearings in open session will be resumed on Wednesday morning, August 4, 1948, at 10:30 A. M., at which time it was announced, the committee will listen to the testimony of NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER. The Committee will resume the session in the New House Office Building, room 1102; the hearing room of the House Ways and Means Committee.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: July 29, 1948

FROM : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD

SUBJECT: GREGORY  
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Mr. Nease	_____
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This is to advise that on July 29, 1948, during the course of an investigation in another matter, Mr. LOUIS A. RUSSELL, investigator for the House Committee on Un-American Activities, engaged in conversation with Special Agent RAPHAEL I. NIXON of this office, at which time RUSSELL stated that ROBERT STRIPLING, Chief Investigator for the Committee on Un-American Activities, had been invited to a conference with T. VINCENT QUINN, Assistant Attorney General in charge of the Criminal Division, and GEORGE MORRIS FAY, U.S. Attorney for the District of Columbia, to be held on the afternoon of July 29, 1948. (u)

RUSSELL indicated that this invitation had given cause for speculation among the investigators of the House Committee, and indicated that it was being speculated that there was a Special Grand Jury convened in the District of Columbia to consider further the testimony given by BENTLEY as they could not understand any other reason why QUINN and FAY would be interested in talking to STRIPLING. (u)

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RUSSELL then stated that the Committee had been "double-crossed" by NELSON FRANK of the New York World Telegram, and Senator HOMER FERGUSON of Michigan, in the appearance of ELIZABETH TERRELL BENTLEY. RUSSELL stated that on Saturday, July 24, 1948, a member of the House Committee had contacted BENTLEY in New York and had requested to see her, that at the time the investigator had a subpoena for her appearance before the House Committee for a Hearing to be held by Congressman PARNELL THOMAS on July 31 in the Federal Building in New York. RUSSELL stated that between the time the investigator made the call and the time that he contacted BENTLEY, BENTLEY had evidently contacted NELSON FRANK, and that when the investigator arrived FRANK was there with BENTLEY. RUSSELL stated that FRANK was highly incensed that the Committee had issued a subpoena for BENTLEY and wanted to know how the Committee had determined the identity of the informant, and if the Committee had received this information from the Federal Bureau of Investigation. RUSSELL indicated that the source of their knowledge of the informant's identity was partially through LOUIS BUDENZ and later, JAMES WALTERS, reporter for the New York Herald Tribune. RUSSELL stated that WALTERS had received knowledge of the informant's identity through E. MILLER of the New York Sun while in Philadelphia during the convention. He stated that MILLER had furnished the information to WALTERS on the basis that WALTERS would not "scoop" MILLER on the story, however, WALTERS had acted in poor faith and had released the story prematurely. (u)

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RUSSELL voiced the speculation that NELSON FRANK had "double-crossed" the Committee by getting in contact with Senator FERGUSON, who had instituted hearings to which BENTLEY could appear before the scheduled hearings by the House Committee on Un-American Activities. RUSSELL stated that it was his understanding of the Committee that the hearings by the FERGUSON Committee were being held to ascertain the granting of export licenses by the Department of Commerce and particularly with regard to WILLIAM REMINGTON, and that NELSON and FERGUSON believed that REMINGTON would have information concerning this phase. (L)

RUSSELL stated that a press meeting had been scheduled by Senator FERGUSON for 12:30 P.M. on July 29, 1948, at which time he believed a release would undoubtedly be given as to the facts that BENTLEY was testifying and the purpose of her testimony. (u)

With regard to whether the House Committee would hold the hearings as scheduled, RUSSELL stated that it would depend entirely now upon the results of the hearings before the Senate Committee and possibly the interview which STRIPLING was having with QUINN and FAY. (u)

This information was volunteered by RUSSELL and no questions were asked by the Agent. (u)



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MADE TO LOCATE BERNARD S. REDMONT AT TWELVE SIXTY EAST EIGHTH ST.  
BKLYN, NY, NO ONE AVAILABLE IN THE PREMISES TODAY. EFFORTS WILL BE  
CONTINUED TOMMORROW TO LOCATE REDMONT AND BUREAU ADVISED.

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cc: Mr. Tamm

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Admiral Inglis of ONI called on the afternoon of August 2 and advised that he had been subpoenaed to appear before Senator Ferguson with reference to William Walter Remington. He stated that he proposed to see Senator Ferguson in private and to give him the background of Remington, that he would try to avoid any reference to the Bureau, if so desired, but that considerable information had been received from the Bureau. (u)

I told Admiral Inglis that inasmuch as he was called before the Committee he should tell them that the information had been received from the Bureau. He then stated that he would advise that he had been in conference with the FBI, who had given him some of the background of this case. I told him that any action which had been taken was a problem of the Navy, that the Bureau had no information on this. He stated that he intended to tell them that action had been taken against Remington by removing his Reserve Commission, but that inasmuch as the Navy knew this was an active case still under investigation by the FBI, they did not want to do anything to interfere with the case and, therefore, used other charges for taking their action. (u)

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① GREGORY, ESPIONAGE DASH R, RE ~~RECEIVED~~ NEW YORK AND WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICES SHOULD IMMEDIATELY CONDUCT INVESTIGATION IN AN EFFORT TO IDENTIFY ~~RECEIVED~~ LEVIN MENTIONED IN NEW YORK TELETYPE DATED AUGUST TWENTY-FOUR LAST. INVESTIGATION SHOULD INCLUDE COMPLETE BACKGROUND INFORMATION, PAST AND CURRENT ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING CURRENT EMPLOYMENT AND RESIDENCE. INVESTIGATION SHOULD BE CONDUCTED WITH VIEW TOWARD PROVING OR DISPROVING HENTLEY'S ALLEGATIONS. THIS INVESTIGATION SHOULD BE REPORTED SINCE DEPARTMENT MAY DESIRE TO SUBPOENA HER BEFORE FEDERAL GRAND JURY IN NEW YORK CITY. SUTEL ANY PERTINENT INFORMATION.

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TO : MR. FLETCHER  
 FROM : D. M. Ladd  
 SUBJECT: GREGORY

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 Peyton Ford called me on the morning of August 16 and inquired in connection with those instances where Elizabeth Bentley had stated that information was passed to the Russians, such as with reference to the date of D-Day whether any check had been made by the Bureau to see if the Government had officially passed this information on to the Russians.

I advised him that no check had been made to see if the War Department had officially advised the Russians as to when D-Day would be.

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Reference is made to the attached memorandum to me from Mr. Keay dated July 28, 1948, in which Admiral Inglis, Chief of Naval Intelligence and Chairman of the Communications Intelligence Board, has requested certain information from the Bureau regarding recent newspaper publicity. *Keay*

Attached for your approval is a blind memorandum which may be furnished to Admiral Inglis. *DeLoach*

Attachment

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It was originally reported in November, 1945, that during the latter part of 1942 or the early part of 1943, Launchlin Currie, an Administrative Assistant to the President of the United States, informed George Silverman, Chief Production Specialist, Material Division, Army Air Forces, that the United States was on the verge of breaking the Soviet code. This information was passed, reportedly by Silverman, to Elizabeth Bentley, who admittedly was a courier of espionage information for a Soviet espionage apparatus who, in turn, passed it on to her principal, Jacob Golos, a Soviet agent who operated under the cover of World Tourist, Incorporated, in New York City. (c) u

George Silverman has denied any knowledge at any time that the United States was on the verge of breaking the Soviet code. (c) u

Launchlin Currie has stated that he could not recall ever having heard such a piece of news but that if he had heard that the United States was about to break the Soviet code he would have no hesitancy in discussing this with Silverman because of Silverman's position as a highly responsible civilian employee of the Army Air Forces. (c) u

Elizabeth Bentley, aforementioned, is collaborating with Nelson Frank of the New York "World Telegram" in the writing of a book or series of articles. These individuals are not known to be cognizant of the comments cited above by Silverman and Currie.

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